

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims as previously submitted with the following claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) ~~The fishing device of claim 1, wherein the parachute further~~

~~includes:~~ A fishing device comprising:

a line connectable between a fishing line and a hook; and

a parachute having a periphery, the periphery being attached to the line so as to provide a drag when the line is pulled in the direction of the hook; and

wherein the parachute includes:

a plurality of suspension lines, each having a first end and a second end, the first ends of the plurality of suspension lines being connected at spaced locations near the periphery of the parachute; and

a first connector attached to the second ends of the plurality of suspension lines, wherein the first connector is attached to a first point on the line; and

a tether line having a first end and a second end, the first end being connected to a central portion of the parachute; and

a second connector attached to the second end of the tether line, wherein the second connector is attached to a second point on the line, the second point being spaced from the first point.

8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The fishing device of claim 9, wherein the connector includes:~~ A fishing device comprising:

a line connectable between a fishing line and a hook; and

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a parachute having a periphery, the periphery being attached to the line so as to provide a drag when the line is pulled in the direction of the hook; and

wherein the parachute includes:

a plurality of suspension lines, each having a first end and a second end, the first ends of the plurality of suspension lines being connected at spaced locations near the periphery of the parachute; and

a first connector attached to the second ends of the plurality of suspension lines, wherein the first connector is attached to a first point on the line;

a container having two parts, wherein one part is connected to the fishing line and one part is connected to the hook, wherein the line and the parachute can be packed within the container, the container including:

a plurality of cords attached to one of the two parts; and

a plurality of holes in the other of the two parts for receiving the plurality of cords, to hold the two parts together.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

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15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Newly Added) A fishing device comprising:

a line connectable between a fishing line and a hook; and

a flexible sheet having a periphery and a center;

a plurality of suspension lines, each having a first end and a second end, the first ends of the plurality of suspension lines being connected at spaced locations near the periphery of the flexible sheet;

a first connector attached to the second ends of the plurality of suspension lines, wherein the first connector is attached to a first point on the line; and

a swivel connected to the center of the flexible sheet and connected to a second point on the line.

20. (Newly Added) The fishing device of claim 19, wherein the flexible sheet is shaped to provide a greater drag when the line is pulled in a direction of the hook than when the line is pulled in a direction of the fishing line.

21. (Newly Added) The fishing device of claim 19, wherein the line passes through at least a portion of the flexible sheet.

22. (Newly Added) The fishing device of claim 19, wherein the first connector can rotate about the line.

23. (Newly Added) The fishing device of claim 19, further comprising:  
a container having two parts, wherein one part is connected to the fishing line and one part is connected to the hook;  
wherein the line and the flexible sheet can be packed within the container.

24. (Newly Added) The fishing device of claim 23, wherein the flexible sheet can be trash packed within the container.

25. (Newly Added) The fishing device of claim 19, wherein the flexible sheet includes a plurality of openings which impeded rotation of the flexible sheet when pulled in a direction of the hook.